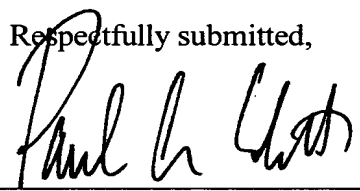


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004. There, the Examiner rejected all the claims based on either 35 USC § 102 or 35 USC § 103 using the reference to Duerig et al., U.S. Patent 6,190,406. It is respectfully submitted that with the current amendment to the claims, these claims are now in condition for allowance. Specifically, the claims describe a curved section (having a taper) and connected to a straighter section. This type of curved section is certainly not described in Duerig. As can be seen from Figure 4 (as pointed out by the Examiner) the tapered section occurs along the straight sections, such as those labeled as 52a, 52b, 52c and 52d. The curved sections 60, 64 and 62 are of a constant width. This is in contrast to, for instance, the curved sections seen in curved sections 33 and 37 seen in Figure 9 of the present invention.

Accordingly, it is earnestly submitted that claims 1 through 25 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Duerig, and are now in condition for allowance. A notice indicating their allowability is respectfully requested.

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